

# Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force (AVIDTF) Meeting Summary of September 10, 2014

Fire Station No. 129, Training Center 42110 6<sup>th</sup> Street West Lancaster, CA 93534

## Attendees:

Christine Borzaga, Supervisor Antonovich's Office David Brackin, Department of Weights and Measures Doug Burgis, Chair of the Illegal Dumping Task Force Dave Campbell, District Attorney's Office Jack Chan, Lockheed Martin Frank Chin, Department of Public Works Pat Chiodo, Fairmont Town Council Andrew Clakely, Lockheed Martin Julianne Haness, Waste Management Lisa Hemenway, Waste Management Azeen Khanmalek, Department of Regional Planning Eve T. Lopez, Department of Public Works Ben Lucha, City of Palmdale Jeanette Lundbert, Lake Hughes Women's Club Judy Miller, Lake Hughes Women's Club Trendi Miller, Lake Hughes Women's Club David Pang, Department of Public Works Doug Parham, Resident Diane Phillips, Three Points/Liebre Mountain Town Council Dorothy Solberg, Lake Hughes Women's Club Donald Watkins, City of Lancaster Public Works Mark Wilson, LCA

<u>item</u>	Action
No Dumping Sign	Completed
Landfill Vouchers	In progress
New Clean-Up Activities for 2015	Introduced as planned for action

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#### **Self-Introductions**

Self-introductions of all attendees.

## **Checking Account – Doug Burgis**

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• Doug Burgis provided the balance in the checking account. The current balance is \$32,647.91.

#### Adopt-a-Highway Recognition – Christine Borzaga

 Doug Burgis and Christine Borzaga presented a scroll to Jeanette Lundberg and fellow members of Hughes-Elizabeth Lake Women's Club (Linda Joynt, Judy Miller, Trendi Miller and Dorothy Solberg) to recognize their efforts in keeping Elizabeth Lake Road in Lake Hughes clean since 1947.

### Illegal Dumping Report – Eve T. Lopez

- Eve Lopez provided statistics on the illegal dumping cases for the Antelope Valley.
- Eve Lopez informed the audience about the Free Disposal Day event at Waste Management of Lancaster on October 11, 2014.
- Eve Lopez informed the audience about the Free Tire Recycling event on October 18, 2014.
- Eve Lopez informed the audience that the current issue of the "Local Trash Talk" newsletter is available.

#### Illegal Dumping Subcommittee Report – Eve T. Lopez

- Eve Lopez provided a brief summary on the AVIDTF Subcommittee meeting:
  - Landfill vouchers are currently in the final stage of development. Spanish translation of the vouchers was requested and will be provided.
  - Current funding status was discussed.
  - The Committee decided to place an order of 25 more Illegal Dumping signs.
  - The Committee explored new ideas for the coming year. A Community Clean-up for all the Town Communities was discussed.

## **District Attorney's Office Report – Dave Campbell**

A resident was caught illegally dumping sheet rocks when an officer happened to be driving by. Location is currently unavailable and will be provider at a later time. The resident was negotiating a clean-up activity.

#### **Open Discussion/Public Comment**

- Frank Chin/Department of Public Works gave thanks to Waste Management, Inc. extending their hours of operation for the upcoming Free Disposal Day event at Waste Management of Lancaster.
- Doug Parham inquired on the guidelines in disposing concrete and toilets located at 25<sup>th</sup> Street East and Avenue F-8 in Lancaster. The concrete may be taken to the landfill at a discounted rate. and address the problem to Chris Mastro/Department of Public Health for surveillance activity. Mr. Parham

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requested a Spanish version of the Free Disposal Day flyer and Landfill vouchers. The request was granted. Department of Public Works will address the request and send new Spanish versions to Christine Borzaga's office. Ben Lucha/City of Palmdale offered their available Spanish radio broadcast to advertise the Free Disposal Day event in April 2015.

- Donald Watkins/City of Lancaster announced that the Lancaster site will be a fully functioning household hazardous waste operational facility by November 2014 with the exception of sharps. By June 2015, a vehicle will be conducting curbside pick-up of oil and E-waste in the City of Lancaster.
- Pat Chiodo/Fairmount Town Council addressed a concern that the City of Los Angeles was dumping unprocessed greenwaste in Kern County. From Avenue D to Mar Vista the residents are exposed to parasitic trees that bring flies, junebugs, bark beetles, moths, etc. Mr. Chiodo expressed great concerns on the residents' health and crops being destroyed. Christine Borzaga recalled the situation was being addressed by Public Health, Regional Planning, Agriculture Commissioner, and AQMD. According to Christine, there were no violations.
- Christine Borzaga shared an appreciation letter received from Palmdale High School for the \$800 grant that was received through the AVIDTF.

**Next Meeting: October 8, 2014**